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Observations at Shipyards on Huangpu River

- Several naval vessels were undergoing repair at the International Dock. Two old submarines, no longer than 100 to 120 feet, numbers 415 and 416, lay in front of the marine railways at the dockyard; also off the dock were one minesweeper and some older vessels. The yard had at least five marine railways on which there were at least four small vessels. One, covered with a tarpaulin, appeared to be a small submarine; three appeared to be old tugs.
- Two passenger ships of 1,500 to 1,800 tons each were being fitted out at the Hutung Shipyard. They were "smart, nice looking" vessels, with "springs in their hulls" reminiscent of a Riga Class destroyer. One of them appeared to have a radar scanner and a "direction finder". Another ship lay half finished on the marine railway; and the keels of at least one, probably two others had been laid. The only naval vessel seen at the yard was an old LST, which was either undergoing salvage, or being used as a repair shop for smaller craft, which could be moored to pontoons alongside.
- At a dock upstream from the International Dock, on the same side of the river, was an old vessel about 100 to 130 feet long. In front of it was something resembling a dock gate. Still farther upstream, on the west bank, another very old vessel was being repaired.
- A lighter of at least 1,000 tons was under construction alongside another yard still farther upstream, near the main harbor. That yard had two areas of marine railways, the southern one having at least three rails; the northern, four or five. A vessel of about 2,000 tons was standing at the southern railway area, its bow facing the shore.

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Vessels Seen in the Harbor

5. At least two of the four Riga Class destroyers seen off Woosung Naval Base had large "hairnet" radar scanners.
6. A small oil tanker was moored alongside floating pontoons off Gough Island. At anchor a short distance north of the oil tanks on Gough Island were two dark green lighters, apparently new and self-propelled.² Each ship had an anti-aircraft gun at the head and stern of its forecastle. 50X1-HUM
7. On 4 December 1958, 18 cargo vessels were anchored off Wusung, most of them large, new ships of from 8,000 to 14,000 tons deadweight. All Chinese cargo vessels seen in the harbor were old ones. Only two Russian ships were seen there. Shanghai Harbor was "full". there were 25 pilots working every day the harbor. 50X1-HUM
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Oil Storage Facilities

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8. No oil tanks were observed near the Chiangwan Airfield. railroad tank cars stood near the river bank east of the field. A red pipeline about 15 inches in diameter, supported by pillars, led out into the river at that point. A 25- to 30-foot length of pipe lay on the embankment. There were no wharves or moorings in the vicinity.³ 50X1-HUM
9. Thirteen fairly new oil tanks were counted on Gough Island.
10. No yellow oil tanks were seen in the harbor. However, several of the tanks in Shanghai were painted so as to camouflage them.

Harbor Facilities

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11. a dredge lay off the Woosung Naval Base, between it and some vessels anchored offshore.
12. About a half-mile from the "bridge", a ship was moored alongside a pontoon wharf connected with the shore by bridges. Old warehouses numbered 368, 369, and 370 stood on the embankment.
13. A stationary crane was seen loading a vessel in the harbor with iron plates. A mobile crane was seen stacking steel pipes on trucks alongside the harbor.
14. Iron bars were carried to a vessel loading in Shanghai on handcarts and by hand, two men lifting each bar. General cargo was loaded partly from the shore, off hand carts drawn by gangs of women, partly from barges. The women working on the wharves, apparently housewives, wore clean dresses. They worked for about four hours at a time. 50X1-HUM

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Anti-Aircraft Installation

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16.

an anti-aircraft battery on the east side of the Huangpu River, just opposite the southern tip of Point Island.

Activity at Chiangwan Airfield

17. A jet fighter, which appeared to be a MIG-17, took off from Chiangwan Airfield, heading over the Huangpu River. 50X1-HUM

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18. An interceptor training exercise was conducted at the Chiangwan Airfield. A plane bearing a white light flew in slowly from the north, heading approximately south-southwest. Directed on the plane were three searchlights--two placed at the southern end of the field, one on each side of the runway, the third located some distance to the west. After the plane had passed, the lights were directed at the ground and then switched off, first the center one, then the others. About three minutes after the second "attack" by the plane a jet fighter took off from the field, heading northeast, and bearing red and green lights. It disappeared. the "attacking" plane came in from the southwest; after it was caught in the beams from the searchlights, another jet fighter, apparently a MIG-17, took off toward the northeast, turned toward the west, overtook the "attacker" on the right, and crossed in front of it. Shortly after that two very strong lights were turned on at the southwest end of the runway. After the three searchlights were turned off, the middle one first, the two jet planes came in from the south-southwest for a landing. After their landing the two strong lights at the southwest end were also turned off. The height of the planes during the exercise was about 1,500 to 2,000 feet. During the exercise there were white lights along each side of the runway, two red lights on the southwest end, and two green lights on the northeast end; there were no lead-in lights. 50X1-HUM

Cars and Trucks Seen on the Wharves

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19. passenger cars bore blue license plates; trucks, yellow ones.

Factories Near the Harbor

20. From anchorage off Woosung a factory with four or five large smoke stacks was visible behind the Chiangwan Airfield. Heavy, woolen, yellowish or reddish smoke poured from the stacks "a couple of times", each emission lasting for "a couple of minutes". The same "woolen" smoke, with a red tone, was seen a little to the north of Point Island.

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3. Comment. The pipeline may supply fuel to the barges working on the river.

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